

(b) the total revenue forgone through the above schemes in 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(c) the total number of misuse of export promotion schemes during last three years and the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) Various schemes (other than SEZ) through which incentives/concessions are extended for export promotion include duty Neutralization Schemes like Advance Authorisation, Duty Free Import Authorisation, EOU/EHTP/ STP Scheme, DEPB and Drawback Scheme. That apart duty Concession is allowed through EPCG Scheme. We also have in place various reward schemes which include Served From India, Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana, Focus Market Scheme, Focus Product Scheme and Target Plus Scheme (since withdrawn). The details of the schemes are given in the book titled "Foreign Trade Policy, 2004—09", a statutory publication, available in the Parliament library.

(b) The total revenue foregone under Advance Licence, EOU/EHTP/ STP/EPZ, EPCG Drawback, DEPB, DFRC and DFCEC schemes for the period 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 was to the tune of Rs. 39740.55 crores, Rs. 38538.01 crores and Rs. 39258.34 crores respectively.

(c) During 2003-04, 496 cases of misuse involving an amount of Rs. 81,882.05 lakh have been reported and show-cause notices have been issued. Similarly during 2004-05 and 2005-06, show-cause notices have been issued in 606 cases and 209 cases involving an amount of Rs. 1,81,352.65 lakhs and Rs. 94,720.77 lakhs respectively.

Agri Export Centres in Orissa

2263. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Farmers Development Cooperative Society has asked the Centre to set up regional agriculture export centres in the State for the benefit of farmers;

- (b) if so, the status of the proposals; and
- (c) the time-frame within which these centres would be set up to help them to get good price for their produce and curb distress sale among the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):
(a) No, Sir. The Department of Commerce is not aware of any such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reduction in Tobacco Board Staff

2264. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Peer Committee recommended reduction of staff in Tobacco Board and withdrawal of minimum support price of tobacco within three years; and .
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):
(a) and (b) The Committee has recommended that the production of FCV tobacco be deregulated. A transition period of three years be adopted for moving to a deregulated and market driven regime. The system of MSP be continued during the transition period. The Peer Review Committee has suggested to conduct an Internal Work Study for staff requirement, if considered necessary, after the recommendation of the Committee are implemented.

Export of tobacco

2265. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the volume of tobacco exported from our country, State-wise and year-wise during the last three years; and